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KRAUT HOUSE

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This large brick house at the north east corner of York and Harris Mill Roads did not exist in 1866 but can be identified in the 1876 tax ledger as Michael Krout's, and the house appears in the 1877 atlas. It remained in the Krout family until 1957 and was part of a farm that expanded to the east from the town street. The house is in Victorian style with traces of the Maryland-Pennsylvania German style, two stories plus attic. The main facade is 24 feet across, three bays wide. All windows are large 1-over-1 types, There is a full-width front porch and on the south, a two-story bay window. Decorative elements include heavy scroll brackets, heavy eave returns, and fish-scale shingles. The grounds include a square garden house, a barn, garage, and wagon shed.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST MAGI 0319785504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC *KRAUT HOUSE*

AND/OR COMMON

*KRAUT HOUSE***2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

21,601 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

*Baltimore County***3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME *MICHAEL L. AND CAROLE D. MURPHY*

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

21,601 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21105***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

*County Courts Building*Liber #: *EHK JR. 5798*Folio #: *100*

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

*Maryland 21204***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Krout House is a product of the Mid-Victorian period but seems to be mainly in the Maryland-Pennsylvania German vernacular tradition. It is a two-story plus attic brick house with a rear wing. Bricks are laid in common bond. The main facade is three bays wide, 24 feet across by 24 feet deep, per tax list data; the layout is center-hall floor plan. The center door is paneled, set beneath a rectangular transom. All windows are 1-over-1 double-hung sash types. The window frames are set under segmental brick arches. The house is two bays deep in the main block, as viewed on the north end. The roof is gabled, and twin double-hung sash windows are set in the gable ends. The eaves are overhanging with prominent returns. A plain wooden cornice stretches across the front of the house. There are matching inside end-chimneys of brick with corbelled caps. A full-width porch runs across the main facade, its almost flat roof supported by six square wooden posts, including two rear posts. The porch is the main decorative feature, with its posts embellished with scroll brackets. The porch roof has a prominent entablature, including an architrave, plus a frieze and cornice decorated with Italianate brackets. The south end of the main block features a bay window, also built of brick, with sets of three full-sized sash windows at each story. The small roof over the bay features a cross gable, without a window but the space filled in with fish-scale shingles.

The rear wing, also of brick, 16 by 17 feet per tax records, gives this house a T-shape. The wing has a centrally located end chimney and a one-story porch along the southside. This porch is also decorated with scroll brackets.

The grounds contain a barn, garage, and wagon shed, as well as a frame and clapboard, square, hip-roofed garden house or playhouse, which is located just NW of the main house. There is another garden outbuilding in brick with a gabled roof. The barn is frame, of vertical boards, and stands on a one-story fieldstone foundation. The roof is gabled; the entire building overhangs the foundation at the south end. The barn is painted a deep red and the window and door frames are a contrasting bright white.

The Krout house is obscured behind a tall hedge; in winter, it is difficult to photograph, in summer practically impossible. What can be seen of it, mainly the southern bay window, looms large in a country town of plain frame houses.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

KRAUT HOUSE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1866-1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The large brick house at the northeast corner of York and Harris Mill Roads did not exist in 1866, when court testimony in Orrick-v.-Orrick proves that, in the words of witness James Orrick, the:

improvements consists of a log dwelling
weather boarded house frame barn wagon
house smoke house located in New Market.
The property is depreciating in value. (1)

Trustee Robert Boarman sold 37 acres to Michael Kraut at public sale in 1867. (2) The property had previously belonged to Adam H. Kraut, who lost it through default in 1857. (3)

The 1876 assessment showed \$1000 worth of improvements on this property, a sum that could possibly include a substantial house, although the list was not broken down into individual structures. (4)

One structure is shown at this corner in the 1877 atlas with the inscription "Kraut." The 1896 tax ledger shows Mrs. Julian Kraut with 48½ acres and:

Dwelling	350.00	
Barn	400.00	
Shed	25.00	(5)

The executor of Michael Kraut conveyed to Ann Dallas Kraut in 1902. (6) The 1911 Tax Ledger evaluated Dwelling No. 2 at \$50. (7) The 1918 tax ledger ignored the second house and listed the most obvious structures:

Dwelling	16 x 17		
	24 x 36	2 stories	\$3220
Barn	36 x 54		234
Outbldgs			475 (8)

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(continued)

H. Curtis Krout purchased half the family property in 1933 for approximately \$2,000. (9) The rest had come down to him by the will of his mother, Anna Dallas Krout. (10)

H. Curtis Krout had been listed as a Maryland Line storekeeper in the 1915 State directory. (11) He sold in 1957 to Mosko, Inc., which held until 1966, and disposed of a 5-acre parcel including the brick house, to Mary Davis. (12) Mary Davis sold to Russell F. Schumacher and Jeffrey S. Merrill and wife in 1975. (13) In 1977, Michael Bruce Murphy and Carole D. Wagner purchased the house and 5-acre parcel. (14)

Local experts report that the Krout family once operated a vegetable cannery.

NOTES:

1. Judicial Records, JHL 16:141, 143.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, JHL 53:295.
3. B.C. Deeds, HMF 1:269.
4. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1876, n.p.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #301-60.
6. B.C. Deeds, NBM 268:331.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 593.
8. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 610.
9. B.C. Deeds, LMCLM 909:446.
10. B.C. Wills, JPC 27:465.
11. R. L. Polk, Maryland State Gazette and Business Directory (Baltimore, 1915), p. 1075.
12. B.C. Deeds, OTG 4591:441.
13. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5605:230.
14. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5798:100.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore County Deeds and Tax Lists

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.83**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

- a. N21W 239 feet on York Road
- b. N68E 102 feet
- c. N11½W 137.5
- d. N50E 510
- e. South along I-83 to Harris Mill Road
- f. S55½W 670 feet on Harris Mill Road

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONECOUNTY NONE

STATE

NONE

COUNTY

NONE**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

April 14, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
NEW FREEDOM

5663 1 SE
(STEWARTSTOWN)





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Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain, OCT 1979

Neg. located at MHT

Main (E) & north facades



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Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain, OCT 1979

Neg. located at MHT

Main (W) & north facades, angled



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J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
South facades & barn